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## 130,000 GERMANS LOST AT VERDUN; BATTLE NOW HALTED, SAYS PARIS

### BOND ISSUE FOR CITY HALL, ROADS, IS MAYOR'S PLAN

City Executive to Lay Financial Problems Before Supervisors in Important Message

### PUBLICITY PROPOSED TO LET VOTERS KNOW FACTS

If Special Called, Will Be Preceded By Public Meetings; Estimate of Issue From \$500,000 to \$750,000

Faced with the necessity for large additional funds for permanent road improvement and with the growing demand for a city hall worthy of Honolulu, the municipal administration has virtually decided upon a bond issue of half a million or more as the imperative result of the situation.

Mayor Lane made announcement to the Star-Bulletin this morning that within a few weeks he will lay before the board of supervisors a message recommending a bond issue of \$500,000 or \$750,000, to be voted upon by the people of the city, and the proceeds of which are to go for two specific purposes, road work and the erection of a city hall.

Three important pieces of permanent road construction are to be done from the proposed bond moneys. First is the completion of the present belt road system and putting it into perfect shape. The other two are new belt road stretches to combine with the present system. One is by way of Koko Head and Kailua, the other the Waianae branch which has been often discussed.

"We want to make it possible for autoists and others to get around any part of the island on perfect roads," said the mayor today.

He is very emphatically in favor of early action to build a new city hall.

"At the present time our officers are scattered between several buildings and we are paying more in rent than would be sufficient to defray the interest on the bonds," he points out. "The first consideration, however, is that Honolulu's growth as a city, our place in the Pacific ocean and our increasing importance as a welcoming city for visitors, make it necessary that the municipal home be one of imposing appearance and commodious arrangement."

"Honolulu's progress will be retarded until we have a city hall to which we can point with pride."

He announces that from present prospects the Gore lot, at the junction of King and Merchant streets, will be secured if possible. Governor Pinkham favors this as part of the civic center plans and the mayor is relying upon the governor's good offices to effect some land exchange that will let the city secure this property at a favorable figure. Thus it is hoped to put all the more money into the building itself.

"We should build a city hall costing not less than \$250,000," he states. "There has been some advocacy of putting the city hall on the Mahukala site, but it seems to me that we can

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### WM. B. THOMAS DIES ON COAST; WIFE WITH HIM

Pineapple Man Passes Away at Los Angeles; Body May Be Brought Here

William B. Thomas, president of the Thomas Pineapple Company, and a pioneer pineapple man, died last night in Los Angeles, where he had gone for his health. A cablegram brought the news to members of his family here.

With Mr. Thomas at the time of his death was his wife, while his son, Will P. Thomas, arrived in San Francisco today on the Great Northern, having come to the mainland on account of his father's failing condition. It is thought that Mrs. Thomas met her son on his arrival.

For some time Mr. Thomas had been ill of stomach trouble. He had been a resident of the islands since 1898 and was 61 years of age. Whether the body will be brought here for burial was not known today, cable advice being awaited.

Besides the widow, Mr. Thomas is survived by his son and a daughter, Mrs. W. F. Gaynor. Mr. and Mrs. Gaynor are both in Honolulu now.

### FOR SALE

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### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today.	Yesterday.
Alaska Gold	20 1/2	21
American Smelter	96 1/2	97 1/4
American Sugar Rfg.	109 1/2	109 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 1/2
American Copper	84 1/2	85 1/2
Atchafalaya	102	102
Baldwin Loco.	101 1/2	102 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	85 1/2	85 1/2
Bethlehem Steel Co.	44 1/2	45
Calif. Petroleum	27 1/2	27 1/2
Canadian Pacific	164 1/2	164
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	93 1/2	92 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	40 1/2	40 1/2
Crucible Steel	72 1/2	73
Erie Common	35 1/2	35 1/2
General Electric	166	165 1/2
General Motors	460	460
Great Northern Pfd.	120 1/2	120 1/2
Inter. Marv. N. J.	106 1/2	106 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	77 1/2	78 1/2
New York Central	104	103 1/2
Pennsylvania	57 1/2	57
Ray Consol.	24 1/2	24 1/2
Southern Pacific	96 1/2	96 1/2
Studebaker	134 1/2	135 1/2
Tennessee Copper	54 1/2	55 1/2
Union Pacific	131 1/2	131 1/2
U. S. Steel	80 1/2	80 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	115 1/2	116 1/2
Utah	83 1/2	84
Western Union	88	87
Westinghouse	61 1/2	62 1/2

\*Bid. \*Ex-dividend.

### SUGAR PASSES \$105 PER TON

Sugar in New York today jumped from \$92 to \$105, an advance of \$13, due to a shortage of refined sugar. Shortage of refiners' stocks is supposed to be the cause of the advance. First news of the jump reached Honolulu in a cable to Alexander & Baldwin from their New York representative.

### RANDELL ONLY PLOTTER HERE, VAUGHAN SAYS

With the exception that Guy D. Randell probably will be tried on a charge of attempting to recruit soldiers out of the local army forces for enlistment with the Allies, the federal officials consider the so-called "war plot" case virtually closed.

Randell, who pleaded guilty before the commissioner, George S. Curry, is still confined in Oahu prison.

"In my opinion," said District Attorney Horace W. Vaughan today, "Randell himself used the name 'Hawshaw,' and there is no such person by that name connected with the case."

The name "Hawshaw" was signed on a \$140 check which, according to testimony, was to be used to purchase a man out of the army.

"The word 'Hawshaw,' as written by Randell yesterday, is identical with the 'Hawshaw' on the check," is the information volunteered by District Attorney Vaughan.

Mr. Vaughan added emphatically that there is no "war plot" as far as he has been able to learn. "We will try Randell on the charge for which he is now held, and perhaps others," he added. "I know of no other arrests likely to be made right away, and I know of no persons engaged in any so-called 'war plots' here."

Randell, in his testimony yesterday, said that Hawshaw, who he declared was a wealthy Australian farmer, was staying at the Moana hotel prior to the opening of the Carnival. The Moana today stated that no person by the name of Hawshaw was ever registered there. Randell further stated that Hawshaw left Honolulu last Saturday night on either the Great Northern or Northern Pacific. That name, however, did not appear on either passenger list.

A meeting of the federal grand jury will be called early in April, at which time Randell's case probably will be taken up.

[Details of yesterday afternoon's hearing will be found on Page 10 today.]

### SHOWERS MAY OCCUR BUT NO HEAVY STORM BREWING RIGHT NOW

Although no big storm is brewing, the local branch of the U. S. weather bureau advises Honoluluans that showers may be the order of things climatic in the next 24 hours.

At 8 o'clock this morning the relative humidity was quite high, 78 per cent, but the wind was east, blowing only six miles an hour, and the barometer was standing at 29.98, four degrees lower than yesterday morning.

### ALL JURY TRIALS AND GRAND JURY FORCED TO HALT

Territorial Courts Paralyzed Until July By Exhaustion of Funds on Hand

### COURT OFFICIALS FACE JAIL IF THEY GET BUSY

Only Act of Legislature Can Help, Says Carden; Supervisors are Powerless

Unless conditions are altered or special legislation is passed, there will be no further meetings of territorial trial or grand juries until after June 30.

Imprisonment, or at least a substantial fine, faces the members of the board of supervisors if they financially assist the local circuit court in excess of the \$14,500 appropriation for the period ending June 30 next, unless they can find some way of obtaining the money without exceeding their income for 1916.

If any court officials proceed now to spend money in the absence of an appropriation by the supervisors, or in excess of the \$14,500 appropriation for the present fiscal period, they are liable to find themselves in trouble akin to that facing the city fathers.

"This," said City Attorney Carden today, referring to the foregoing statements, "is what the supervisors and the courts are up against."

Money is All Spent.

Because the courts have run through the expense appropriation made by the supervisors, amounting to \$14,500, which was to last until June 20 next, there is now no money available with which they may purchase supplies or pay the fees of grand or trial jurors, or the mileage of witnesses called before these tribunals. As Attorney Carden put it today, the supervisors are "broke"; they are financially unable to assist the courts from a money standpoint.

For the reason that no money is available, a meeting of the territorial grand jury, scheduled for this afternoon, was postponed. The three circuit

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### WANT STEWART EDWARD WHITE TO COME HERE

He, H. B. Hutchins, President of Michigan, or Mortimer Cooley to Be Asked

A prominent representative of the University of Michigan will take part in the 75th anniversary of the founding of Oahu College. At a luncheon today at the University Club, members of the alumni association of the Ann Arbor institution voted to ask a prominent Michigan man to come to Honolulu to represent the university.

Among the men mentioned were President Harry B. Hutchins of the university, Stewart Edward White, the noted author, and Mortimer Cooley, dean of the engineering department and famous in scientific circles. Judge Clarence W. Ashford, president of the Michigan Alumni Association, appointed a committee of four, consisting of Wade Warren Thayer, Alexander Lindsay, Jr., Ranney Scott and himself, to arrange plans for bringing a prominent educator here.

The Michigan dinner, which was to have been held in January, but which was delayed by the storm, has been booked for April at the home of A. L. C. Atkinson at Puuloa. At this time it is expected that the entire alumni association, numbering more than 40, will be present. Additional plans were made for raising a fund for the Michigan union.

### SIZEMORE GETS BAD GASH ON HEAD WHEN HE RUNS INTO BIKE

In a collision that occurred at about 1 o'clock this afternoon when his motorcycle ran into a bicycle on King street by the cane fields, B. Sizemore, motorcycle officer, received a gash on the head that rendered him unconscious for some time, and necessitated stitches.

R. J. Borges of the Ideal Clothing Company was riding the bicycle which collided with Sizemore's motorcycle, and his machine was badly smashed, though Borges himself suffered only minor bruises. The accident was caused, it is said, by a third party, a Japanese hack driver, who prevented the two cyclists from seeing each other in time to avoid striking.

The National Bank of Cuba sent \$700,000 gold, in the new Cuban coinage, to Havana.

### MOEWE OR ROON REPORTED TAKEN BY THE BRITISH

South American Rumor Says Cruisers Have Captured German Sea-Raider

### MYSTERY OF APPAM NOT YET FULLY EXPLAINED

Noted Briton Who Was Prisoner Tells How Vessel Disguised Himself

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] BUENOS AYRES, Argentine Republic, March 2.—It is reported from Montevideo that a wireless message has been intercepted there which says that British cruisers have captured a German sea-raider, which is either the Moewe or the Roon. The prize has been taken to the island of Trinidad, off Venezuela.

The prize crew which brought the British steamer Appam into Hampton Roads was from the Moewe.

The real mystery of the Moewe—what the vessel is—has never been solved. It will be remembered that the Roon, a German cruiser, was reported to have slipped past the British North Sea blockading fleet and gained the Atlantic. The capture of the Appam and her taking from the Canary Islands to Norfolk is one of the sensational exploits of the war, but the mystery of the vessel which captured her has never been fully explained.

Sir Edward Merewether, commanding the British settlement at Sierra Leone, Africa, was one of the Britons who was taken by the Germans when the Appam was captured. In describing the capture he afterward told an American newspaperman:

"The Moewe, as it seems to be called, was, of course, not the Moewe, at all. The only ship of that name is a little boat of 600 tons used before the war by the Germans for geodetic survey purposes. This boat was between 3500 and 4000 tons, and I have every reason to believe was originally

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### ACT 'TAMING OF SHREW' IN APRIL TO HONOR BARD

Footlights Club at Work on an Elaborate Revival for Third Centenary Date

The Footlights Club of Honolulu is hard at work on its plans for an appropriate celebration of the third Shakespearean centennial in April. An elaborate Shakespearean festival is being projected. There will be folk songs and music of the Elizabethan time, and many of the characters in the 40 odd plays of the master of English drama will be impersonated by local lovers of amateur theatricals.

In addition to the impersonation of many of the principal characters in all the plays, two or three performances will be given of the "Taming of the Shrew." The cast for this production has been selected for the most part, but there are two or three of the minor parts yet to be filled.

Wednesday evening the first reading of the play by William Leavens, who will direct the staging of the play, was held at the Royal Hawaiian hotel, with Mrs. F. R. Day as hostess. From now on several rehearsals will be held each week.

The effort will be made throughout to portray the scenes exactly as they were portrayed in Shakespeare's time, with no elaborate but very simple scenery.

### KUHIO ANSWER IN TRUST CASE FILED TODAY

Delegate J. K. Kalaniana'ole this afternoon, through J. Lightfoot, his attorney, filed his answer to the writ of prohibition in the supreme court, which was issued as an outcome of his suit to break the trust deed executed by Queen Liliuokalani.

The delegate alleges that the instrument filed by Antonio Perry, counsel for the queen, was not his free and voluntary act, but was done under improper influence by the respondents. He asks that the writ of prohibition be vacated, as the petition does not show sufficient grounds for the granting of it.

### HE'S TRYING TO GET FELLOW-BOURBONS IN LINE BEHIND WILSON



In Missouri politics they call him "Gumshoe Bill," his other name being Senator William J. Stone, chairman of the committee on foreign relations of the upper house. He is trying to prevent a split among Democratic congressmen on the perturbing "travel issue."

### GERMAN OFFICIAL CABLEGRAMS

The following cablegram from official German sources was received today:

"German Headquarters, March 1.—Yesterday the artillery was very active on many parts of the front, especially the enemy's artillery, which, however, in several places was only trying to mislead the Germans."

"In the Yser district, in Champagne and along between the Meuse and the Moselle the enemy seriously attempted to damage the Germans but without success."

"An English biplane near Menin in an air fight was defeated and the operators made prisoners. Two French biplanes were shot down by defense cannon, one near Yzeux, north-west of Soissons, whose inmates were taken prisoner, and one southwest close to Soissons, whose inmates were probably killed."

"An aeroplane piloted by Reserve Lieut. Haber as an observation officer, stopped a military transport on the road between Besancon and Jussey with bombs and successfully attacked with the machine gun the crew alighting from the train."

"German Headquarters Report, March 2.—The situation on the west front is unchanged. In the Yser district the enemy's artillery is very active. On the eastern bank of the Meuse the French again sacrificed troops in useless counter-attacks against enemy detachments."

"Northwest of Mitau Russian aircraft were shot down in an air fight and the operators imprisoned. German airmen have successfully attacked the railroad at Moledetshno."

### GOVERNOR HINTS AT MYSTERY IN LAND JOB CASE

There is some sort of a mystery connected with the appointment of a successor to Joshua Tucker, land commissioner. The governor admitted it today, but wouldn't give even a hint as to what it was all about. "Just wait and you'll see," he declared, with a chuckle.

Whatever it is, it will come into the limelight late Saturday afternoon. Tucker's term expires at noon tomorrow, according to the governor, and Bert Rivenburgh's friends, as well as Rivenburgh himself, have confidently expected that he would be filling Tucker's big chair Saturday morning, although Tucker has insistently maintained that he had until noon Saturday to get out.

Asked about Rivenburgh's chances of going to work in the Capitol Saturday morning, the governor replied: "Well, there is no commission made out. And there won't be until Saturday afternoon, either."

He smiled for a minute and then added, "Tucker's term expires at noon tomorrow, but if I don't appoint a successor he'll hold office Saturday, won't he? A lot depends on what Mr. Tucker does between now and then."

The land commissioner has not been in his office since Monday. The governor declared that he knew that, and it would have something to do with his action Saturday.

### RENEWED FIGHTING EXPECTED SOON; PRESIDENT REITERATES HIS STAND ON "TRAVEL ISSUE"

INFORMS CHAIRMAN FLOOD OF HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONSENT TO COMPROMISE—INSISTS CONTROVERSY BE PUT TO VOTE IN CONGRESS—GERMANS MEANWHILE SINK MORE ALLIED VESSELS AND ITALY STANDS BY INTENTION OF ARMING HER MERCHANTMEN

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

PARIS, France, March 2.—Germany's great drive at Verdun and the six-day battle there for some miles of trenches has cost the Fatherland about 130,000 men, it is estimated by military observers here from reports at various points of the Verdun front.

Today there is intermittent bombardment around Verdun and on the Woerwe plain. The French losses are officially placed as "not high." The German losses of 130,000 are said to constitute one-third of the effectives of the troops actually engaged.

Both the press and the public are mystified at the pause in the Verdun battle. It is believed the combatants are recuperating after their terrific struggles and that the Germans are getting ready to resume the attack. Gen. Joffre, the French commander, is prepared for all eventualities.

### London Hears Germans Massing Big Force For New Drive in Argonne

LONDON, England, March 2.—Fort Vaux, on the west front, has been bombarded and destroyed, according to unconfirmed German reports, but the Germans are said to be unable to occupy the ruins, owing to the activity of the French artillery in raining shells on the vicinity.

The French were able to destroy a German battery lately put in place. At Buzy, 16 miles east of Verdun, the Germans are now concentrating a force of 90,000 men. It is believed they will resume the offensive in the Argonne section from this point.

### Wilson Reiterates Stand Upon "Travel Issue;" Challenges Vote

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 2.—President Wilson within the last few hours has taken occasion to reiterate his determination not to recede from his stand that American travel at sea shall be safeguarded on belligerent vessels armed for defensive purposes only.

Today the president had a conference with Chairman Flood of the House Committee on foreign affairs, and the president told Mr. Flood emphatically that he will not consent to any compromise on the subject of armed ships and travel at sea.

He desires a direct vote in Congress to ascertain, before any further negotiations with foreign powers are held, whether the legislative branch of the government stands with the executive in insisting upon safeguards for neutrals. He desires that the issue be put squarely up to the Republicans as well as Democrats, to ascertain if Congress is behind the administration, and to show the foreigners that the country is not divided on this point.

### German Submarines Busy and Five More Vessels Are Reported Sunk

LONDON, England, March 2.—The sinking of five additional vessels by German submarines was reported today. Three British smacks were among the number, their crews being landed at Lowestoft. The Italian steamer Elize was sunk and the Russian steamer Alexander Wentzel was sunk. Eighteen crew members are reported drowned and 11 rescued.

### Italy Won't Disarm Her Vessels

ROME, Italy, March 2.—The Italian ambassador at Washington has been instructed by the Italian foreign office to notify the United States that Italian merchantmen will continue to be defensively armed, in spite of the decrees of Germany and Austria. These decrees serve notice that the Central Powers consider armed merchantmen as warships, to be attacked without warning.

### CUPID NOT NOW PASSENGER WITH DARING AVIATOR MAN OPPOSING CARRANZA TRIED AND EXECUTED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 2.—Art Smith, the sensational young aviator whose flying was an exposition feature, is sailing on the T. K. K. liner Chiyo Maru for Japan. He announces that divorce papers have been prepared for him in the ground of cruelty.

### J. R. GALT NAMED HEAD OF PALAMA SETTLEMENT

John R. Galt was elected president of the Palama Settlement at a meeting of the heads of that organization held today. Other officers chosen were Walter F. Dillingham, vice-president; George Denison, secretary; E. B. Clark, treasurer, and W. J. Forbes, auditor.

Trustees elected for the term ending in 1919 were Dr. Doremus Scudder, G. N. Wilcox, Dr. O. E. Wall and George R. Carter. George Angus was elected trustee to fill the vacancy.

### BRITISH MINISTER AT PEKING MAY TRY TOKIO

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji.) TOKIO, Japan, March 2.—It was announced today that the British minister at Peking will soon be transferred to another post. It is rumored that Ambassador Green, British representative in Japan, will be recalled, and that the British minister to China will be transferred to Tokyo.